

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application. In the above amendments, claims 12-16 have been cancelled, Claim 17 has been amended, and new claims 18-21 have been added. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1-12 and 17-21 are pending in this application.

Amended Claim 17 and new claims 18-21 are written in “means plus function” form, and are of similar scope of allowed claims 1-5. Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

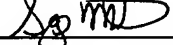
CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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